

REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR  
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FINAL BROWNFIELD WORKSHOP MAY 24

The last of four brownfield conferences, "Wisconsin Brownfields - Future Solutions Now", will be held May 24 at the Marriott Madison West. For registration, contact the UW-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at 608-263-1672, or see the registration brochure on our web site at [http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/bfield\\_wshops.pdf](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/bfield_wshops.pdf)

GOVERNOR SIGNS TAX ASSIGNMENT ACT

On May 8, 2000, Governor Tommy Thompson signed 1999 Wisconsin Act 121 to assist local governments in cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields. Representative Marc Duff and Senator Brian Burke introduced the Act, with support from the Brownfields Study Group. Act 121 creates a new law (s. 75.106, Wis. Stats.) that allows counties and the City of Milwaukee to transfer a tax delinquent brownfield property to a new owner for cleanup and redevelopment. Under the new law, the county will first pursue foreclosure on tax lien consistent with the normal process. Then instead of the county taking title to the property, the county can assign judgment for the tax delinquent brownfield to a new owner. The new property owner must enter into an agreement with DNR to clean up the property. When properties are assigned through this process, most tax liens and junior liens are erased, giving the property a clean title.

NR 746 PUBLISHED

Emergency rule NR 746 and Comm 46, with related amendments to chs. NR 700, 716, 720, 722 and 726, were published today. The rules cover sites contaminated with petroleum products from petroleum storage tanks. The rules are posted on the RR program web site at [http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi\\_regs/comm46\\_emergency.pdf](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/wi_regs/comm46_emergency.pdf)

The Departments of Commerce and Natural Resources will hold joint public hearings on the rules on the following schedule:

- June 15, 2000, Room 511 in GEF 2, 101 S. Webster Street, Madison, Wisconsin at 1:00 pm;
- July 10, 2000, classroom, Havenwoods Center, 6141 N. Hopkins, Milwaukee, Wisconsin at 10:00 am;
- July 12, 2000, Room 2, UW Extension, 212 River Drive, Wausau, Wisconsin at 11:00 am.

The official hearing notice is available on DNR's main web page at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/news/hearmeet.html>

Written comments on the rule may be submitted to Richard Meyer, Department of Commerce, 201 W. Washington Avenue, 4th Floor, PO Box 2689, Madison, WI 53707-2689, or Theresa Evanson, Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment, DNR, 101 S. Webster Street, P.O. Box 7921. DNR forms for the Mann-Kendall and Mann-Whitney spreadsheets for statistical tests will be placed on our website and announced via this listserv. In the meantime, the Mann-Kendall spreadsheet currently on the web may still be used.

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